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Versailles in Autumn.

From the Century.

Eugenie de Pastourelles was sitting on the terrace at Versailles, or rather she was established in one of the deep embrasures between the windows, on the western side. The wind was cold, but again a glorious sun bathed the terrace and the chateau. It was a day of splendor, a day when heaven and earth seemed to have conspired to flatter and to adorn the vast creation of Louis Quatorze, this white, flaming palace, amid the gold and bronze of its autumn trees, and the blue of its waters. Superb clouds, of a royal sweep and amplitude. sailed through the brilliant sky; the woods sailed through the brilliant sky; the woods that girdled the horizon were painted broadly and solidly in the richest color upon an immense canvas steeped in light. In some of the nearer alleys which branch from the terrace the eye traveled through a deep magnificence of shade to an arched and framed sunlight beyond, embroidered with every radiant or sparkling color; in others, the trees, almost bare, met lightly arched above a carpet of intensest green, a "tapis vert" stretching toward a vaporous distance, and broken by some god or ous distance, and broken by some god or nymph, on whose white shoulders the au-

intensity of light, beating on the palace, the gardens, the statues and the distant water of the "Canal de Versailles," each tint and outline sharp and vehement, fullbodied and rich—the greenest greens, the bluest blues, the most dazzling gold—this was Versailles as Eugenie saw it on this autumn day. And through it all the blow-ing of a harsh and nipping wind sounded the first approach of winter, still defied, as it were, by these bright woods decked for

a last festival.

It was the 5th of October, the very anniversary of the day when Marie Antoinette, sitting alone beside the lake at Trianon, was startled by a page from the chateau bringing the news of the arrival of the Paris mob and the urgent summons to return at once, the day when she passed the turn at once; the day when she passed the Temple of Love, gleaming amid the quiet streams, for the last time, and fled back through the leafy avenues leading to Ver-sailles, under a sky, cloudy and threatening rain, which was remembered by a later generation as blending fitly with the first act of that most eminent tragedy, "The Fall of the House of France."

CRIME OF LESE MAJESTE OIL AND TAR ON ROADS BLOOD DOES NOT TELL

INDISCREET GERMANS.

Grave Offense to Speak Other Than Respectfully of Members of the Royal Family.

From the London Express In all monarchical countries it is an axiom, accepted by everybody, that the person and character of the ruling sovereign are sacred, and even though the idea may rest upon nothing more tangible than custom or an unwritten law, it is observed in most countries in a loyal spirit. Especially is this the case in England, where there could probably not be found a newspaper, however scurrilous, that would speak disrespectfully of King Edward; and one might walk about in the public places and listen in vain for an expression of contempt or opprobrium uttered against any member of the royal family.

In Germany, on the other hand, where the laws regarding "lese majeste" are so strict, scarcely a week passes without the conviction of some unfortunate person who has dared to infringe one of the scores of clauses in the law, and suffers accordingly. "Lese majeste," succinctly defined, is the crime of uttering an insult to the ruling monarch of the country. In the German monarch of the country. In the German statute book no fewer than 125 paragraphs are devoted to expounding the law, and 900 books of reference for the information of lawyers have been published on the in-

The law is so worded as to bring within its scope any remark which can by the ex-ercise of great ingenuity be twisted into something reflecting, be it ever so remotely, on the character or person of the sov-ereign, and to make it a criminal offense The clauses have been so loosely worded that the widest possible interpretation may be placed on any remark which falls under suspicion. "Lese majeste" can be com-mitted by words or by actions, in private conversations no less than in public speeches, and in personal and confidential letters to friends or relations, as well as in newspaper articles or books.

Privacy No Excuse.

If two persons are carrying or a conversation alone in a private room, and one of them should make a remark disrespectful to the kaiser, the other may denounce him to the police, and he would probably be convicted and sentenced to imprison ment. It will easily be understool that under this law, and with the excessive zeal of the German police official, the authorities find plenty of work to do in the direction of securing convictions for this of-

fense.

The latest case occurred a few days ago. when a Berlin butcher was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for having spok-en disrespectfully of the kaiser three years ago. Not long ago the editor of a German newspaper received a sentence of three months for remarking in his journal that the kaiser received £2,000 daily for appending his signature to a few state documents. The law of "lese majeste" is no respecter of persons; schoolboys or old women are equally visited with the full penalties. An old woman of seventy-three, living in Dresden, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for remarking that the fate of King Alexander of Servia ought to befall King George of Saxony; and a baker's boy of fifteen in Silesia had three weeks' imprisonment for insulting the majesty of the

If the culprit is a soldier his punishment "lese majeste" is excessively severe. A private was drummed out of the army and sentenced to seven years' imprisonment for saying to a comrade that the kaiser might have slowed down the train in which he was traveling in order to see the salute of the soldiers who were lining

Strange Causes of Offense.

was sentenced to three months' imprisonment for a somewhat curious form of "lese majeste." It was alleged against him that in his conversation with his customers he used the German language in an unworthy fashion, and was not over nice in his ex-He was a conservative, a member of a patriotic rifle club and had served in the army, but these proofs of his unquestion-able loyalty did not save him from dire punishment.

One of the most extraordinary prosecutions was that against a governess who was convicted of "lese majeste" for having written her name in the visitors' book of an hotel immediately beneath the signatures of the King of Saxony and two princesses. Newspaper editors are frequent victims or the law in this connection. Two of them were once sentenced to four months' and nine months' imprisonment respectively and to heavy fines for publishing an article which was held to suggest in some obscure way that the kaiser was afraid of his own subjects, and a third was convicted for having published a telegram from a correspondent reporting the death of an al-leged stepbrother of the kaiser. On another occasion, when a newspaper published an incorrect version of a speech made by the kaiser to his recruits, all the persons responsible for the reporting and publishing of the speech were prosecuted for "lese majeste."

Story of the Kaiser. A German marine while in Kiel on leave had an argument with a comrade in a reswhich was held to have been insulting to the kaiser. He was let off with eight months' imprisonment in consideration of the fact that he was not quite sober at the

A foreigner visiting Germany may fall within the scope of this absurd law, though he cannot, of course, be imprisoned for its infraction. Two American ladies were, however, arrested and expelled from the country for talking (in English) in a man-ner not flattering to the Emperor William. Perhaps the most absurb case of all was one that did not end in a conviction; even German officialdom was not proof against the humor of the situation. When the health of the kaiser was being drunk at festivities in honor of his birthday at Scharley, in Silesia, a schoolboy in the crowd was observed to smile. The public prosecutor immediately set on foot an ac-tion for "lese majeste," but the schoolboy miraculously escaped the consequences of his awful deed.

his awful deed.

There is an old story concerning "lese majeste" which is worth repeating. A man was arrested for remarking in a restaurant that "the kaiser is a fool." He was promptly haled before the magistrate, when he protested that he was not referring to the Kalser Wilhelm, but to the Emperor Francis Joseph. "Oh, that tale will not do," retorted the magistrate. "There is only one kalser to whom you could have referred!" The story does not state how many years'

Success and Failure.

From the Kansas City World. Man and animal are both making a cease ess struggle for success.

The law of the survival of the fittest is doing its work in the animal world. With tooth and talon each animal selfishly fights for the mastery.

Men fight for success as fiercely as do the brutes. But they do not use teeth and claws. They use cunning and skill. With their wits men fight as desperately today as they fought with clubs in the stone age.

In the arena of competition they face each other as boldly as did the gladiators of Rome or Corinth. Rome or Corinth.

But there is this difference:
The man who fights unfairly can no longer claim to win. If in climbing up he uses foul means to push his fellow down he is dishonored. If he employs deceit and force he is not honored above the brute, who uses deceit and force.

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Success today depends on how a man wins it—and uses it. If in trying to succeed a man betrays a trust, or extorts an unjust advantage, of grabs more than he earns; if, in short, he uses the method of the brute, he is put down as a brute. If he gains his point by hurting others he is held to be a human beast.

IN THIS VICINITY.

Arrangements are about concluded between the War Department and the Department of Agriculture for some experiments with oil and tar on a section of Washington roads. The work will be under the direction of the road office of the Department of Agriculture and the War Department will furnish the roads. Both oil and tar will be tried, and probably a mile of each will be treated. The stretch used will be either the dusty stretch of 17th street below the War Department or a part of the

Potomac boulevard or both. The use of oil in road work is new in this part of the country, so that the experiments will be watched with some interest. But there are other sections where the use of oiled roads has been kept up for years. of olied roads has been kept up for years, and the practice has spread over most of California, where the people are quite enthusiastic over the results in the past eight or nine years. The work was commenced in 1898 in California, where petroleum is cheap, and was tried at first in a limited way on a stretch of about six miles, simply to lay the dust, which was not only a great nuisance in the long, rainless summers, but injured orchards and fields for a considerable distance on each side of the considerable distance on each side of the

Results of Oiling.

The result of oiling the roads, as soon as the authorities got the right method, was more than to lay the dust. It was found that not only was the road dustless, thought true. Instances of greater rarity but that the oil became incorporated with the surface and made a good binding crust from one to three inches deep.

The roads stood wear and water well and after a number of severe rainstorms that cut the unoiled macadam roads to pieces, the oiled roads were found in as good con-dition as ever. The practice in California extended till now there are about 750 miles of roads and streets that have been ofled

been treated only seven months, but the results so far have been very satisfactory. The section treated with tar formed an almost asphalt-like surface that has stood the wear well so far, has been water-proof and is said to be pleasant to drive over and easy on the horses' hoofs.

The oiled road in that section has been almost equally satisfactory. The same sort of experiments have been tried to a limited extent in Texas, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and other states, and the reports have ben uniformly favorable where the work has been properly done. The road has to be cleaned and harrowed and well rolled, and it is best to apply the tar or oil in hot, dry weather. The road has to be protected from traffic for from ten hours to two days till the dressing has had time to set and sink in. After that it is said to be almost as satisfactory as a paved street. Oil to Be Used.

The oil that will be used in the Washington work is a rather heavy oil, with an asphaltum base. The tar is the same as is used in ordinary paving. The tar, of course, has to be applied hot, but the oil can be put on cold. One side of the road is treated at a time and then roped off for protection till the surface has set.

California is decidedly enthusiastic over the success of her oiling work, which has there passed beyond the experimental Washington will have the benefit stage. of her experience, too, as there were some mistakes made in the earlier stages of the work, and the oil made a nasty mud that injured clothes and everything else it touched. It has been found now that this trouble does not exist if the road is not used too soon, and even the damage that it was feared might result to automobile tires has proved a myth. In fact, it is speaker of the house of commons and amsaid that the tires show a longer life on bassador to France. Many of Coleridge's the oiled roads than they do where the nephews and grandnephews were distinguished as lawyers and writers. More than of the old macadam surface.

PRESS IN WARTIME.

English Journalists Favoring Bill to no transmission of poetic genius." Curtail Its Activities. From the Fortnightly Review

ing it penal in time of war, and when war is imminent, to publish any but official news of naval and military movements. It is part of a newspaper's business to supply national crisis, when war is a possibility of the next few hours, the appetite for information and the desire to furnish it act and

to become recklessly intensified.

Lord Spencer feelingly admitted the manifest and manifold dangers of such unrestricted publication, but he seemed to think they could be overcome by an appeal "to the good feeling of those concerned." It is not difficult to bring that supposition to the test of experience. The admiralty from time to time sends around circulars to the newspapers requesting them not to publish any information they may happen to possess in regard to the plans of this or that newly launched battleship. All decent papers scrupulously observe that request, but it is a lamentable fact that in many cases it is ignored and that the details which the admiralty in the national interests desires to have suppressed do somehow find their way into print. Now, if journals can be found that will publish the plans of a batfound that will publish the plans of a bat-tleship—a matter in which not one-hun-dredth of 1 per cent of their readers feels the slightest interest—are they likely to re-frain from making public an item of news which may treble or quintuple their circulation at a time when an excited nation is mprobable that they would exercise any

To myself, as a journalist, and I am convinced to most of the members of the profession, it is a monstrous and appalling thought that a moment's heedlessness in the publication of war news may be the means of sending brave men to their death, of disarranging the plans of an entire campaign and of jeopardizing the security of the nation. From so terrible a responsibility I feel sure that all that is to be re lieved.

The press has no desire to remain in a po-sition where it appears to be fighting against the national interests. It asks to be pro-tected against a liberty which it cannot in the nature of things help abusing. apt in this country to look upon the war as a sort of giadiatorical combat, a setto between picked champions on either side, in which the people play the part of passive spectators. But the extracts I have quoted from responsible papers show that some journalists, at any rate, are beginning to realize that when a country is at war every man and woman that belongs to the country is at war also, and that the first pre-requisite of fighting efficiency is that all the strength and resources of the nation should be welded into a single thunderbolt. be welded into a single thunderbolt.

The press will lose nothing, and will gain much, by taking the lead in securing the passage of such a bill as is here outlined. It is far too powerful to fear the "thin end of the wedge" argument, or to profess any alarm lest a censorship over its freedom to criticise the conduct of a campaign and to expose, if need be, its shortcomings should be hereafter evolved. Such a censorship is impossible in this country, and would not be desirable even if it were possible. The nation as a whole places the safety of the state above every other consideration.

I am not unhopeful that even party politicians may for this once be induced to take the same view. If the government thinks the aim worth attaining it has only to throw itself frankly upon the press, parliament and the country to achieve it.

A Kiss and Its Penalty. Prague Letter to Pall Mall Gazette.

Man of Regular Habits.

From the Chicago Tribune.

Medical Adviser—"Jaggins, you are not following my directions. I told you three weeks ago last Monday to begin tapering off by taking a drink every other day."

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In the figured man complained at once to the police and the girl was arrested. So impressed was the magistrate with the hein-ousness of the crime that he increased the police and the injured man complained at once to the police and the injured man complained at once to the injured man conce to the injured man c

EXTRACEDINABY SENTENCES FOR EXPERIMENTS SOON TO BE MADE FEW GREAT POETS HAVE HAD POETIC OFFSPRING.

The Didactic Cast of Mind Often Inherited, but Fancy and Im-

agery Rarely. From the Literary Digest.

"Like father, like son," is a homely aphorism, which, according to the late Richard Holt Hutton, misses the mark in the case of poetic genius of the first callber. Mr. Hutton's observations convinced him that the general attitudes of mind, like humorous or matter-of-fact, are frequently transmitted from father to son, but that the qualities of imagination and fancy are less often, and the highest poetic gifts are practically never, so transmitted. In a recent volume of brief essays collected from Mr. Hutton's contributions to the London Spectator, his niece, Elizabeth M. Roscoe, includes one dealing with this question of inherited literary talent. The inherited didactic attitude that has gained literary expression is found, says the writer, in the Edgeworths, the Wordsworths, the Stanleys, the Wilberforces, and, most of all, the Arnolds In the latter case there was a notable in-stance of the transmission of the attitude only, for Matthew Arnold set himself to teach almost nothing that his father had

"There is probably no turn of mind which is so often transmitted from father to son as the didactic turn of mind. On the other hand, imagination and fancy are not often transmitted, though there are not a few cases in which father and son, or mother and son, or father and daughter, have had the same gift for holding up the mirror to so ety. There is Dumas pere and Dumas fils for instance; there is Mrs. Trollope The Department of Agriculture has just received a preliminary report on some experimental stretches of oiled and tarred perimental stretches of oiled and tarred has read has which it is impossible not to recognize the same mold of mind. Again, there is the case of Thackeray and his daughter, though there the type is greatly modified. And there is the case of Nathaniel Hawthorne and his son. In all these instances there is, in the case of a definitely imaginative gift, a transmission of power as distinct as in the case of the engineering genius of the case of the engineering genius of the type of the case of the engineering genius of the type of the case of the engineering genius of the type of the case of the engineering genius of the type of the case of the engineering genius of the type of the case of the engineering genius of the type of the case of the engineering genius of the type of the case of the engineering genius of the case of the engineering genius of the type of the case of the engineering genius of the engineering genius of the case of the engineering genius of the the two Brunels and the two Stephensons.

The Few Instances. When we come to survey the field of

potery the instances are extremely few where the talent has been transmitted. Mr. Hutton cites the notable exception of the Coleridges; Hartley, he thinks, "could not have conceived or written the 'Ancient Mariner' or 'Christabel,' but the 'lyrical mariner or Christaber, cry' in him was even more exquisitely pure and tender than it was in his father." Then there were the two Aubrey De Veres, father and son; the three Roscoes, grandfather, father and son, and the two Lord Houghtons, and with these the possible cases cease. Says the writer:

"Among the greatest poets, I know of no instance of inheritance of this particular faculty. There is no tradition that even David or Isaiah or Homer or Aeschylus or Virgil or Horace or Dante or Petrarch or Tasso or Goethe or Schiller or Beranger or Tasso or Goethe or Schiller or Beranger or Hugo or Chaucer or Shakespeare or Milton or Spenser or Burns or Scott or Shelley or Byron transmitted any spark of his poetic genius to descendants. Not very frequently does there appear to have been any special power even of another kind in the descendants of poets. Byron's daughter was a considerable mathematician, which seems a curious transformation for force like Byron's to undergo. Chaucer's son was one of Wordsworth's sons, brothers and nephews were, or are, worthy divines and college teachers. But except in the case of the Coleridges, the De Veres, the Roscoes, and the two Lord Houghtons, we can trace

Poets Go Astray.

Mr. Hutton regards as inadequate the A good case can be made out for such a theory of Galton that "poets have, as a measure of restriction as the Morning Post rule, strong sensuous tastes, and that peoadvocates-a measure, that is to say, mak- ple who have strong sensuous tastes are apt ever power they have.' This theory falls to account for the failure of the Hebrew is part of a newspaper's business to supply news to a public that is, beyond all things, greedy of news, and in the excitement of a their gifts to their descendants. "There is no reason of the kind referred to by Mr Galton why Aeschylus or Sophocles or Virgil or Dante or Milton or Scott or Words-worth should not have founded a family inheriting his great poetic gifts." Mr. Hutreact upon one another until both are liable

"The greater poetical gifts are, I do not say untransmissible, but exceedingly rarely transmitted. Like the inspiration of the prophet or the self-forgetfulness of the saint, they are apparently the unique product of a fusion between the creative Spirit and the individual human being to which he communicates some spark or flash of his own unapproachable thought or spirit of self-forgetfulness (if I may properly im-pute such a quality to the Infinite Mind), and it does not seem his will or habit to produce replicas of genius in any of its highest forms. Even in the exceptional cases I have noticed, there will be found cases I have noticed, there will be found to be variations so remarkable that it is rather the constitutional poetic temper which is inherited than the individual genius. Still it is rare enough for even that to be inherited. As a rule, there is a consider correlation among the forms. curious correlation among the forms of genius, and the poet's descendant is more likely to turn out a barrister or a judge or an artist or even an antiquarian than a poet. A portion of the energy remains, but lation at a time when an extremal policy of the chergy remains, but clamoring for all the news it can get? I it takes to new channels. The light that am bound to confess that I think it most never was on sea or land, the consecration, and the poet's dream,' is the rarest of all inheritances."

A reader of Mr. Hutton's essay humorously remarks that the writer overlooks a very plausible economic explanation of the dearth of poets among poets' sons. May it not be, he suggests; that the sons had too ample opportunities to observe how unremunerative a commodity it was in which their fathers dealt?

Why Nurse Doesn't Hold Job Long.

From the Saturday Evening Post. Carefully gathered statistics appear to show that the marryingest of all women are trained nurses. Though complete figures have not as yet been compiled, from a considerable mass of data the conclusion is drawn that nine out of ten trained nurses marry during the first seven years of their

occupation as such. When a pretty young woman speaks of devoting her life to the self-denying profession of a trained nurse she is using, perhaps unconsciously, a mere figure of speech. Statistics show that she has an even chance to be married within four and a half years and that she has one chance in eight of becoming the wife of a physician. The chances are five to one that within ten years she will marry one of her

The importance of these figures from the great. Fretty young women in steadily increasing numbers are entering the field in question, in which there seems always to be plenty of room for fresh recruits, who are required to fill the places of those who get married and pass out of the profession forever. Thus, owing to the causes suggested, it is rare indeed to discover a trained purse who has been in the business as ed nurse who has been in the business as

much as ten years.

From the Minneapolis Tribune. "Speaking of accommodating hotel clerks," remarked a Portland traveler, "the best I ever saw was in a town near Bangor. I reached the hotel late in the evening and was assigned to a pretty tidy-